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PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1918

CITIES LACK **POWER TO FIX** TRANSIT FARE

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Never Had Such Right, Says Public Service Commission Ruling

DECISION GIVEN IN LAKE ERIE CASE

Announce Tomorrow if War Board Will Take Up P. R. T. Dispute

WILL CONSIDER REPORT

May Let Company and Emploves Adjust Their Dispute Themselves

Municipalities in Pennsylvania do not now have, nor have they ever had. the power or authority to regulate the rates of a public utility.

This was the announcement today of John S. Rilling, of the Public Service Commission, in the case of the Buffalo and Lake Erie Traction Com-In this case the commission held

that an interurban electric railway company might increase its rates beyond the five-cent fare limit when necessary to obtain sufficient revenue for operating expenses and to return to the stockholders a reasonable profit At the same time announcement

was made in Washington that the na-tional war labor board expected to make known its decision in the contro-tersy between the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and its employes over wages and hours of employment. The decision announced today by Mr. Rilling, which has a State-wide application, is taken in some quarters to mean that the commission will permit advances of tariffs on street car lines wherever the companies are able to prove they are not making a fair re-turn on money invested.

May Hold Hearing

If the war labor board decides to take jurisdiction in the local controversy it will then hold hearings. Should the board decide not to take a hand, the P. R. T. and the trolleymen will have to settle their quarrel between themselves.

emissives.

The war labor board has been trying decide this question:

"If a strike is called by the officials of the Carmen's Union, will enough of the street railway employes quit work to the up the P. R. T. so that it will be unable to render su scient street car service to carry industrial workers to the plants working on Government war work?"

A special investigator was sent to Philadelphia to gather information. The board spent part of today going over

If it is decided to set hours and the board will summon officials of the P. R. T. and the employes to testify. No decision announced today by Mr. Rilling was given on the complaints made by Northeast Borough, Harbor Creek and Northeast Borough, Harboi Creek and Northeast townships, Eric County, and is the course of which a physical valuation of the company's properties in this State was made by the commission's engineers. the commission's engineers. It follows closely upon the Wilkinsburg case wherein the commission held that it uld take jurisdiction in a complaint that a fare specified in a franchise or-dinance had been exceeded.

The commission's ruling, which gives the result of an exhaustive study of lues, declares that rates on other lines radiating out of Eric are higher; that not enough has been set aside out of earnings for depreciation and that there was no evidence offered that the increase

was no eviminatory.
was discriminatory.
Rilling supplements Commissioner the decision with a concurring opinion in the course of which he says:

The municipal consent provided by constitutional provision is merely the constitutional provision is merely the acquiescence by the municipality to the doing of that which the company through its charter has a legal right to do. The consent does not give an iota of additional power to the company to construct its line. Municipalities in Pennsylvania do not now have nor authorized. have they ever had the power or author-

He also says that the Public Service Commission "Is armed with the un-abridged police power of the State." and that no rate regulations can interfere "with the proper exercise by the com-mission of the rate regulating authority delegated to it" by the Public Service Commission law.

PREPARE TO ACT IN SIBERIA

Japan and China Planning for Joint Intervention

By the Associated Press Peris, July 31.—General army staffs at Tokio and Peking are preparing plans for joint action under the agreement be-tween China and Japan for action in

Siberia. The Chinese ambassador to France declares that China has no intention to encroach upon the internal affairs of Siberia or Russia, but is inspired by the principle of self-determination for nationalities. He says that this right was denied China by Germany.

Suspect Boy Was Kidnaped

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Menaca, Pa., July 31.—Beaver County
detectives and a posse of citteens are
searching for Herman Vail Speyerer,
eight-year-old son of Charles Speyerer,
of Pennsylvania avenue, and a nephew
of Judge George A. Baldwin, Beaver
County, who disappeared Monday night
while playing on a public highway
near his home. The police believe the
boy may have been kidnapped by a
band of gypsics seen passing through
Monaca Monday evening.

FAIR ENOUGH Warmer tomorrow in west; North winds, moderate, light; Published Daily Except Sunday. Subscription Price: 40 a Year by Mail.

GERMAN CHIEF

IN UKRAINE IS **SLAIN BY BOMB**

Field Marshal Von Eichhorn and Adjutant Assassinated at Kiev

BOLSHEVIK REGIME NEARING ITS END

Workmen and Peasants Reported About to Rise Against Reds

ENVOYS DENIED REFUGE

Embassies of Allies Not Permitted to Remain in Archangel

By the Associated Press

Amsterdam, July 31. Field Marshal von Eichorn, the German commander in the Ukraine, and his adjutant, Captain von Dressler, were seriously wounded by a bomb in Kiev Tuesday, and died that night, says an official announcement received here from the Ukrainian capi

The bomb was thrown at the men while they were driving to their headquarters from the Casino.

It was thrown from a cab which drove close to their carriage as they were approaching the field marshal's

Sent to Kill Field Marshal The assassin of Field Marshal von Eichhorn was a lad of twenty-three. He declared at the inquiry held after the crime, the advices state, that he came from the Province of Ryazan. adjacent to Moscow, on orders from Communist committee, to kill the

Von Eichhorn was the second German emissary to be slain in Russian territory since peace has been nomi-nally established there. Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador at Moscow, was assassinated July 6, but Germany took no action against the Bolshevik Government, holding that the assassination was inspired by En-tente Allied agents who sought to in-volve Germany and Russia in new

field marshal. He reached Kiev yes-

Political Storm Brewing Telegraphing from Kiev (date not given), the Hamburg Frendenblatt's

ON CITY'S HONOR ROLL

Lieut. Thurston E. Wood (top), 1908 Shunk street, has been killed

in action. Private Ralph W. Camp-

bell (middle), of 5215 Warren street, has been severely wounded.

2307 Frankford avenue, is now a

prisoner in a German camp at Gessel

LIEUT. T. E. WOOD,

WAR HERO, SLAIN

for Bravery, Dies on

Battlefield

3 FROM HERE WOUNDED

Two soldiers of the Philadelphia dis-

trict, one an officer, have been killed in

action against the Germans, one is miss-

ing and three were severely wounded.

according to today's casualty list an-

nounced in Washington The local

KILLED IN ACTION

Lieutenant Thurston E. Wood, 1908

Private J. F. DeHaven, Conshohocken.

MISSING IN ACTION

Sergeant William Harry Thorpe, 505 West Seventh street, Chester.

WOUNDED SEVERELY

Private Daniel Anthony Bradley, Jr.

6 North Forty-fourth street. Private Ralph William Campbell, 5215

Private Henry Gilson, 708 North

Private De Haven, who today is re-

ported killed in action, was reported missing in action several days ago.

Captain E. T. Presper, United States

Medical Reserve office, 2307 Frankford

some time ago, has been located in the

German prison camp at Gessel. His

whereabouts has been unknown until

today, when a cablegram was received

Wood Cited for Bravery

News of the death of Lieutenant

the War Department. He was the son

of Captain Albert Norton Wood, U. S. N.

He sailed for France last January with the Twelfth Field Artillery and in June was cited for brayery, after having

braved the dangers of heavy shell fire to save a wounded French soldier, He was twenty-one years old and unmar-

Privates Bradley and Campbell were

Privates Bradley and Campbell were pais, both being members of Company M, old Sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, now the 111th Infantry. They enlisted within a few days of each other last year—Campbell June 25 and Bradley

from General Pershing.

casualties are listed as follows:

orrespondent in the Ukraine says: "A heavy storm cloud has gathered A neavy sound that horizon in the kraine. The Government is trying ward off this threatened unrest by aking arrests on a large scale. M. making arrests on a large scale. M. Gyzicki, Secretary of State of the Hetman's Government, who is an outspoken monarchist, was among those

arrested. General von Eichhorn had a bril-General von Eichhorn had a brilliant career in the German army. He played an important role in the development of the German military machine and was one of the first commanding generals to use the telephone in directing operations of troops in the field. He demonstrated the practicability of the telephone during the Prussian army maneuvers in September, 1905.

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When the great war broke out he was assigned to the Russian front, where he gook part in several campaigns. His work attracted much favorable attention, and he was in command of the German army which captured the Russian stronghold of Kovno in August, 1915. For this achievement he was awarded the South Philadelphian, Cited Kovno in August, 1915. For this achievement he was awarded the Order of Merit by Emperor William. He continued to direct operations in southern Poland until Russia's col-

apse.
In April, 1918, he was sent to Ukrainia by Germany to supervise the stablishment of a government for

the new republic.
General von Eichhorn was born on
February 13, 1848, at Breslau. He
received his education at Breslau and in the military school at Berlin. He entered the army in 1866, being as-signed to the artillery. During the period between 1900 and 1914 he held commands at numerous places, nota-bly at Saarbruecken and Frankfort. He is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter.

By the United Press

Amsterdam, July 31.-Three Russian Grand Dukes, one of whom is believed to have been Grand Duke Nicholas, to have been Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander-in-chief of the Rus-sian armies, have been executed by the Continued on Page Six. Column Six



GENERAL VON EICHHORN German Field Marshal in, the

DEATH TO FOES, AIM OF BATTLE

General March Says Hope of Bagging Enemy Army Gone

U. S." FOR ALL FORCES

By the Associated Press

death struggle between the opposing armies. More limited objectives the their attack at Rheims, or for which General Foch hay have aimed in his counter-thrust, have been submerged in a greater struggle, the object of of the opposite army.

This interpretation of the battle was formerly presented today by General March, chief of staff in his mid-week conference with newspaper correspondents. Whatever was the original German purpose or the hopes that governed the Allied counter-blow, he said, it is now perfectly evident that these have been set aside. The object of each army now is the other army; each is seeking to kill as many

the enemy has had ample time to withdraw his advanced divisions and to perfect his defensive positions along the front now established. General March's statement was ac-

cepted as explaining reports that the our Hindenburg on account of that divert either side from the struggle for critical positions.

Americans Bear Brunt

attacks is accounted for by this fact. The appearance of the all-American (Rainbow) division, the Forty-second, at this point was disclosed today. The German withdrawal since last Saturday, he added, had reduced

man retreat, in the center, is fourteen

Six New Divisions General March announced the for-mation in the United States of six more divisions, numbered from 15 to 29 and to be located at Camps Logan, Tex.; capture of Seringes-et-Nesles. Sergy and Kearney, Cal.; Beauregard, La.; Travis, Roncheres, the Volks Zeitung of Cologne Kearney, Cal.; Beauregard, La.; Travis, Roncheres, the Volks Zeitung of Cologne Tex.; Dodge, Ia, and Sevier, S. C. As appends this comment:

"These localities are situated in the

each case. General March announced also the

GIRL OPERATOR STICKS TO POST AS TOWER AND CLOTHING BURN

avenue, who was reported a prisoner Heroism of Pennsylvania Railroad Signal Employe Proves Women Capable of Substituting for Men in Many Lines

THOUGH the signal tower was burn-ing and her clothing was afire, Miss Pearl Kipple, twenty-eight years old, a post. Neighbors heard her calls and put out the fire, despite her burns, Miss Wood was received by his mother from signal operator for the Pennsylvania Kipple remained on duty till officials Railroad on the Radebaugh branch reused to leave the place till a substi-tute was sent to relieve her at her Lieutenant Wood was a graduate of West Point in the class of 1918. His class graduated nine months ahead of work.

Mrs. Thomas Robins, associate director of the woman's division, Committee on Public Safety, today made public the story of Miss Kipple's heroism, just to refute the inference that women have not the strength, nerve and bravery needed to become efficient in all the in-dustries opening to them because of the

war. Miss Kipple, who lives in Herminie

ent a substitute
"No man could "No man could have done better than that," declared Mrs. Robbins.

MISSION IN GUATEMALA French Officers Arrive to Train Army for France

By the Associated Press Guatemala City, July 31.—The French military mission sent to this country to assist in the training of the Guatemalan army, has arrived

Miss Kipple, who lives in Herminie, the June 25 and Bradley

Miss Kipple, who lives in Herminie, pa., was on duty when a hanging lamp fell. Burning oil was scattered about the flood.

Miss Kipple threw the lamp out, spile the ranks of the Entente Allies in April the flood.

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DUPES KNOW HIS REPULSE Press Prepares Public for Failure of Marne Offensive

KAISER LETS

PROMISES NEW BLOW ON WESTERN FRONT

Admits "Retiring" to North as Plan to Prepare for Stroke

BEGS FAITH OF PUBLIC

Hypocritical Statement Reveals Germans Jarred by Upset of Plans

> By the Associated Press Washington, July 31.

Official dispatches today from France ell how the German high command out in two hours. has caused to be published in the newspapers throughout Germany an official statement preparing the people to accept the defeat in the second battle of the Marne, but renewing the promise of a decisive blow against the Angle-French front.

Anglo-French front.
"After several days of desperate attempts to attenuate the gravity of the defeat of the German arms." say the dispatches, "Hindenburg and Ludendorff have decided to make a full con-

"An official note bearing as title 'the Washington, July 31.

The battle in the Aisne-Marne salient has developed into a life and of the empire, tries to make the German public, profoundly deceived, ac cept the total failure of the ambitiou program, which was destined to de-velop into the investment of Paris and the ultimate crushing of the militar orces of the Entente

Admission of Defeat "Hindenburg's defense renews the cromise of a decisive blow against the Anglo-French front, but says the physiognomy which the struggle presents on the front between Solssons and Rheims and in the Champagne in the Franco-British counter-at-cone must note here with what the American intervention is

"With this end in view 'new basis for subsequent operations, proceedings for deplacements and strategical re-

ssip Out of Pocket

In making this announcement, General March frankly admitted that the operations are completed, they have salient had frustrated any hope of bagging any considerable portion of the German armies in the salient.

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as far back as the Vesle Begs for Public Confidence

"The German 'interior front' is in Germans have concentrated nearly a million men on this narrow front, and as disclosig the reason for the terrific fighting in which American forces have been engaged in the center of the battle-front, where leave the content of the battle-front where leave the content of the battle-front where leave the content of the light company to the content of the light company to exploit and with a sort of human to content of the light company to the light ront, where losses have not served to mand to solicit and with a sort of hu-

The Badische Landes Zeitung is trying to persuade its readers The Americans hear Brunt ing to persuade its readers that the Allled drive, the vital point on which the outcome of the struggle may hinge, and the fury of the German counter-tinuing to impose his will on Germany's enemies. In the Frankfurter Zeitung, enemies. In the Frankfurter Zeitung, Deputy Conrad Haussmann states that

Still Claim Initiative

The entire German press, the Socialist the length of the line another ten miles included, is obediently toeing the line to fifty-four miles. The maximum Gerlaid down by the German official communiques regarding the retreat from the The Third regular division also was General Foch's formidable attack to pinch off the whole of the German's identified as in action at Sergy and Cierges, where the crack German guard divisions have been defeated in recent fighting by American troops. less and that the initiative remains with the Germans. To this, it is added that the German concentration on a "shortened chord" means a stronger

To the American official report of the

nounced last week, these will be built zone evacuated by the Germans days around two regular infantry regiments ago, undetected by the enemy."

Continued on Page Two, Column One PRESIDENT'S WIFE SPONSOR OF FIRST HOG ISLAND SHIP

Mr. Wilson Also Coming to Launching Ceremonies at Shipyard Monday

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President, will christen the Quistconek. the first ship to be launched at Hog Island. The vessel, a 7500-ton cargo carrier will glide from the shipway a few minutes after noon Monday. President Wilson also will attend. Be-

cause of the President's presence, secreey is being observed about the time of departure and the route to be taken. Announcement that Mrs. Wilson would christen the ship was made at the White House today.

London, July 31.—No enemy Govern-ment has approached the Allies on the subject of peace, Foreign Secretary A. J. Balfour declared today in the House of Company Launching of the Quistconck will be the biggest factor in speeding up ship production throughout the East. Charles M. Schwab, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation

The greatest crowd of persons that compares with total casualties reported in June of 141,147. The losses for July are divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 521; men, 8474. Wounded or missing—Officers, 1537; men, 58,759. ever saw a launching will be present when the first ship leaves Way No. 1. It is said there will be 100,000 there.

AMERICANS HOLD FIRM EAST OF FERE; ENEMY HURLS FOUR VAIN ATTACKS UPON OULCHY

PROPPED UP AGAINST POST Nicholas in Such Collapse He Could Not Stand When Facing Firing Squad, Berlin Newspaper

FORMER CZAR WENT TO DEATH

Is Informed By the Associated Press

t was necessary to prop him against a to remain unattended. Subsequently h post, says the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, which claims to have received from a high Russian personage an account of the Emperor's last hours.

Nicholas was awakened at 5 o'clock on the morning of the day of his execution by a patrol of a noncommissioned officer and six men. He was told to dress and was then taken to a room where the decision of the Soviet council was communicated to him. He was in-formed the execution would be carried The former Emperor, it is added, re-

Amsterdam, July 31.

Given two hours in which to prepare for the end, Nicholas Romanoff, former Russian Emperor, was taken out by executioners in a state of such collapse that wrote several letters. When the escort arrived to take him

to the place of execution, Nicholas at-tempted to rise from his chair, but was not able. The priest and a soldier were obliged to help him get to his feet. The condemned man descended the stairs with difficulty, and once he fell down. As he was unable to stand without support when the place of execution was reached, he was propped against a post He raised his hands, and seemed to be

Beaten in Fierce Hand-

to-Hand Fighting

By EDWIN L. JAMES

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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With the American Army, July 31.

guard divisions against the Ameri

the stream.

cans north of the Ourcq Monday in

ing that the Americans are not only

on the north side of the Ourcq, but

Beat Kaiser's Best Troops

soldiers are able to hold their own

for such the Prussian and Bavarian

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FLIES TO COMMONS SEAT

General Davidson Takes Oath,

Goes Back to Front

against the Kaiser's best shock troop

Sergy changed hands nine times in

BENNETT IN DARK | ENEMY ROUTED NEW RETREAT IS NEAR

Lieutenant Swears He Did Prussian Shock Troops Not Know Fifth Ward **Faction Affiliations**

NEVER USED BLACKJACK YANKEE WOUNDED SLAIN

West Chester, Pa., July 31. Several astounding statements were today by Police Lieutenant David Bennett, as a witness for himself in the Fifth Ward conspiracy

"The Deutsch faction in the Fifth

Ward stood for decency and cleanliness in the conduct of the election.

however, in his strenuous denials of the Commonwealth's evidence as was saac Deutsch yesterday. denois and also on our right.

The Prussians and Bavarians now

Bennett gave himself a clean bill of realth as a police commander. He didn't mingle in ward politics, he were brought hurriedly from the rear never blackjacked or clubbed any one luring his entire police career, was attack against the English, preparahis contention.

In describing the said on "Phtsling in August. Abe" Cohen's poolroom, he admitted Cohen was battered by police blackmility that is scarcely habitual to it, jacks, but not by him, as the prosecuwitnesses testified. Denies Blackjacking Cohen

Lieutenant Bennett's raid on "Bat-ing Abe" Cohen's poolroom, September guards are. last year, had a conspicuous place in At Sergy was an American division of Commonwealth's testimony. Attorney tried to minimize the significance in the raid. Here is what Bennett had say of the occurrence:

'I did not use a blackjack on Cohen never used a blackjack or a police ub on any one in my life. I did not use a blackpack or a police ub on any one in my life. I did not withdrawal behind the lines was made mash Cohen's show case. The case may to say of the occurrence: mash Cohen's show case. The case may more easily. The charge of the Amerhave been broken, but if it was, my foot leans across the river on Sunday, in

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munication with Siberia.

NO PEACE OFFER TO ALLIES

Balfour Denies Enemy Has Made

Any Proposals

CZECHO-SLOVAKS CAPTURE IMPORTANT BRIDG

a surprise atack of a large railway bridge at Syzram, in the Vice

region, is reported in a Moscow dispatch transmitted by the Con-

tral News correspondent at Amsterdam. This capture, the

message says, secures to the Czecho-Slovaks in This region com-

FRENCH WAR WIDOWS SEEK HELP OF POPE

widows, represented by members of the old French and lit

behalf of their fatherless children. Among the leaders who can

here were the Duchess of Dechad, the Princess of Clermont an

Tonneferre, the Princess Depopichae and the Princess Aut ...

today addressed the Pope, asking his help and a benediction

ROME, July 31. - Two hundred tthousand French w :

LONDON. July 31 .- The capture by the Czecho-Slovaks in

Seringes Against All Assaults WEDGE PERIL

> Violent Fighting Rages on Right Bank of the

TO FOE'S ARMY

Yankees Maintain

Ourcq River

U. S. SPEARHEAD DRIVEN TO DEPTH OF TWO MILES Allied Flanking Movement

of Crown Prince

Threatens to Envelop Forces

ONPARTY FIGHTS BY U. S. BAYONETS Pershing Soldiers at Apex of Long Front Won by Foch

By the Associated Press

Paris, July 31. American troops maintain their postion in the region of Seringes-et-Nesles which they carried after violent fighting, according to an off cial statement from the War Off

The Germans made four attacks against the new French positions cont of Oulchy-le-Chateau. They were

twenty-four hours. That tells the story of the bitter fighting when the On the right bank of the Our German command threw two fresh here were violent combats cast Fere-en-Tardenois The French and the Ger an endeavor to put them back across ried out raids at a number of

points on sectors east

the Marne salient, but there change in the general situation

Third District were Carey men."

They were the more remarkable of the statements made by Bennett under a lashing cross-examination by was rendered fightless for some time time. When the Crown Prince nursed his district were the more remarkable of violent attacks against our line Mon-Germans attacked the new French day. At least one German division positions east of Oulchy-le-Chateau, was rendered fightless for some time. positions east of Oulchy-le-Chateau.

saults and maintained their lines in "On the right bank of the Ource here were lively combats northeast c Fere-en-Tardenois. The village of Seringes et-Nesles passed from hand to hand, but was finally taken by American

can troops in a counter-attack. "A number of raids were made by tory to the Crown Prince's grand drive the Germans near Mesnil-St. Georges, west of Montdidier; in La Pretre wood on right bank of the Meuse It should be a source of the greatest pride to America that her youthful and in the Vosges. (Americans are holding part of these lines. They were without result. Our troops made a successful incursion into the German lines northeast of Perthes At Sergy was an American division es-Hurlus (in the Champagne) and

brought back prisoners." The newspaper Echo de Paris said today that a semiofficial note emanat-ing from Hindenburg and Ludendorff declared the German command had been compelled to postpone for some time the decisive blow against the French and British, owing to the new

situation. French aerial observers, says the Matin, report that there are signs be hind the present German battlefront of preparations for a continuation of the retirement northward. The enemy is destroying much material and big fires have been seen.

By the United Press

London, July 31.

Heavy fighting at various points on
the Soissons Rheims salient. with
Americans east of Fereen-Tardenol
holding the heights beyond Seringe

holding the helghts beyond Seringes and Sergy, was reported in dispatches here early today.

(American positions beyond Seringes and Sergy are at the point of the farthest Allied advance toward Plames, the important German strategic center on the Vesle River. Seringes is about ten miles from Fismes.)

Berlin described the Allied attacks as being delivered in "dense, storming waves." It claimed defeat of American. French and British onslaughts and asserted the battle decreased in violence after these combats.

By the Associated Press Washington, July 31.

Through attacks by American troops in the vicinity of Sergy, southeast Fere-en-Tardenois, the German line in the Soissons-Rheims salient has I dented to the depth of nearly two miles, and in the view of military servers here General Foch has m the preliminary step toward for another withdrawal of the Ge forces. Development of flank British Casualties Decrease

London, July 31.—British casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported during July totaled 67,291. This compares with total casualties reported d tions by French troops on the

sult of American dash sosity, but as having a

Cloudy and cooler tonight;

Fair-you may guess at the rest Shout all together; "Darn the old weather!"